

House Resolution No. 104

Whereas, Beatrice "Bebe" Grimes, an esteemed resident of St. Joseph, Missouri, will be honored as one of five proud recipients of the 2002 Missouri Arts Council Arts Awards during a special presentation by Governor Bob Holden to be held February 13, 2002, in the Rotunda of the State Capitol in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, presented each year by the Missouri Arts Council, the Missouri Arts Awards recognize individuals, art educators, businesses, and other organizations for their contributions to the arts industry and the profound effect they have upon the cultural climate of Missouri; and

Whereas, Bebe Grimes has distinguished herself as the soul, spirit, and lifeblood of the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art (AKMA) for the past forty-plus years, during which time she has nurtured the fledgling organization through its formative years to become a landmark in Buchanan County; and

Whereas, in 1977, Bebe Grimes was elected to her first term as president of the AKMA Board of Directors where she immediately took on the task of fundraising through the initiation of such events as the "Days of Wine and Roses Garden Party", the Sugarplum Festival, and the Pot-o-Gold Auction, which remains the oldest fundraising event in the St. Joseph community and the largest event for the AKMA; and

Whereas, Bebe Grimes has not only raised significant funding for the Albrecht Gallery, but has also provided much of the artwork in the collection, most of which reflects the American west and includes a Remington sketch; and

Whereas, in 1990, Bebe Grimes played an integral role in the construction of an addition to the original Georgian mansion that houses the AKMA by soliciting funds and making her own monetary donation to the project, a generous gesture for which one of the galleries was named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Manning Grimes; and

Whereas, private philanthropy has been a crucial part of great art and great art institutions throughout history through the magnanimous contributions of dedicated patrons such as Bebe Grimes, whose individual support of artists and arts institutions continues to serve as an inspiration to all:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Bebe Grimes at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for 2002 Missouri Arts Council Arts Award recipient Beatrice Grimes.

Offered by _____
Representative Charles W. Shields
District No. 28

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 104, adopted January 23, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker